PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
2 August 1962

2. LOCATION
Liberal, Kansas

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 2020
GMT 03/0230Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
1. 2 secs
2. stationary obj no time givn// two

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

9. COURSE
1. West
2. Stationary in East

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
1)Multiple rpts of objs. Initial rpt of blue-green objs moving West at terrific speed in sight for 3 secs. 2) Extremely bright light comparable to landing light only stationary in Eastern sky.

11. COMMENTS
1. Probably meteors.
2. Stationary obj was Jupiter. Mag at this time was -2.4 it's maximum. Position was 10dgr elev at 2100 local, & azimuth 100 dgr.

12. CONCLUSIONS
- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft Meteors
- ☒ Was Astronomical Jupiter
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

[redacted], Central Airlines Agent

2030 local time 2 August 1962 Liberal, Kansas

1. [redacted] received a telephone call reporting bright objects moving East to West at a very fast speed. He tried to see the objects but could not. He talked with Captain [redacted] a pilot on the flight (#61) from Wichita to Liberal who reported several green and blue objects moving East to West at terrific speed. The objects were in sight for two seconds.

2. Captain [redacted], an airline pilot, reported an extemely bright object looking like an aircraft with landing light stationary in the Eastern sky. About 2100 Mr. [redacted] went outside and observed a white object moving from East to West at a high speed. The object was in sight for two seconds and appeared to pass overhead.

3. There were numerous phone calls made to Mr. [redacted] office regarding these objects. One witness reported a roaring noise. Mr. [redacted], while in contact with agents of Pueblo and Garden City, was informed that they saw the objects also.

4. The stationary object was Jupiter at a magnitude of -2.4, its maximum brightness, and at a 10 degree ebvation. Jupiter was in the East at azimuth of 100 degrees. The moving objects are evaluated as meteors.

July 31	Coordinates	50° Formation
Aug 8	310° + 56°	40° A21
July 30	348° + 47°	30° BLC
Aug 11		50° A21
Consolidated	8° + 52°	30° FLC
		35° A21

...On the night of August 2nd, a series of brilliantly-colored flying objects lit up the runways of the airport at Liberal, Kansas, and were seen by many people there. Similar reports were made at the same time in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Pueblo, Colorado; Garden City, Kansas, and Guymon, Oklahoma.

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Liberal, Kansas Sightings

On August 2, 1962, personnel at the Liberal, Kansas airport were shaken considerably when various colored brilliant objects lit up the runways. Whether or not this indicates the objects were low enough and bright enough to actually shed light on the ground is not known. However similar reports came from Albuquerque N. M., Pueblo, Colorado, Garden City, Kansas and Guymon, Oklahoma. Central Airline Agent Fred Jones said about a dozen individuals at the Liberal airport saw the phenomena at about 8 p.m.

According to Jones, Capt. Jack Metzker, UA pilot enroute from Wichita, Texas, to Amarillo, told airport officials he saw the objects which he said were moving higher and faster than any plane he had ever seen. Metzker's aircraft was at between 5000 to 7000 feet at the time he sighted the objects.

Witnesses described the lights as about the size of car headlights, and they varied in color from white green, blue to brilliant orange. There were four of the objects, Jones said, which moved singly across the sky. One became stationary over the airport and seemed to produce a landing-type light directly under it.

All sighting took place at approximately 8:45 p.m. The reports came to Liberal over the airport's telephone communications system. The FAA said no planes which could produce such lights were scheduled in the area at the time.

At Amarillo, Metzker made this statement: "People I talked to after landing here seemed to think it was a meteorite but it wasn't like any meteorite I've ever seen."

Witnesses at Pueblo described a blue ball of light traveling north